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Revenue Department Looking For 31,000 Taxpayers To Present Returned Refunds

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue is looking for approximately 31,000 taxpayers to give them their individual income tax refund checks, which were returned to the Department as being undeliverable during tax years 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Todd Kelly, Acting Director of DOR's Taxpayer Accounting Division, estimates the total value of the returned checks is \$12 million and the average undelivered refund is approximately \$300.

"The majority of these taxpayers probably moved after they filed their return and did not provide the post office with a forwarding address and simply forgot they were due the refund," Kelly explained.

The list of undelivered checks is available on the Department's website at www.gatax.org. The list contains the taxpayer's name, city to which the refund was mailed and the tax year. From inside the Atlanta-metro area, individuals can claim their refund or inquire if they have a returned refund by calling 404-656-6286. Individuals calling from outside the metro area but within Georgia can call 1-800-338-2389. Individuals calling from outside the state can call 1-877-602-8477.

To claim an undelivered refund, a taxpayer must provide their social security number and the complete address to which the check should have been mailed. In the case of joint returns, the Department will require the social security number of the taxpayer first named on the return.

After three years, unclaimed refunds become void and the money goes into the state's general fund.

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